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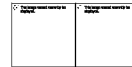
They met with Sussman yesterday.

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News Headline: BRISTOL BAY: Alaska Natives visit Hill to support EPA watershed study |



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News Text: Alaska Natives visited Congress today in support of U.S. EPA's assessment of large-scale mining on the Bristol Bay watershed.

Advocates for the Bristol Bay Native Corp. and Nunamta Aulukestai -- which oppose Pebble LP's development of a sprawling gold and copper mine in the watershed -- were also set to meet with EPA to press for completion of the review.

"I am hoping for the watershed assessment to come out very soon," said Gary Cline, advocate for Nunamta Aulukestai, which stands for "caretakers of the land."

Cline added, "I am disappointed they extended the public process, comment period, especially [because] it's going to come out before our commercial fishery starts."

EPA announced recently it would revise its draft assessment, open a new public comment period and ask for additional independent scientific input.

BBNC President Jason Metrokin's message for EPA: "Bring the watershed assessment to closure. Use that information to base future decisions."

Alaska lawmakers have opposed a possible EPA veto of the mine before the permitting even starts. They have also voiced concerns about the assessment (E&E Daily, Feb. 27).

"I don't get a sense that the skepticism is really there. We don't believe that they're ultimately skeptical that the

watershed assessment should continue to go forward," said Metrokin, who stressed that most of the roughly 250,000 public comments EPA received were supportive of agency action.